Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Panchayats are autonomous bodies. The accounts maintained by the Panchayats are inspected by Government Officers. In the same way these libraries are given funds from the general revenues and it is the duty of the Government to see how these amounts are utilised, whether the libraries are working properly and if they are not working properly, that amount should be utilised for some other purposes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Those are Departments where the Minister has control.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I may say, for the information of the House, that, in the matter of the selection of the books and the inspection of the libraries, the Director of Public Instruction will take orders from the Minister.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know who owns these libraries ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister or Rural Development):* The local Committee. But it is Government property.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is an agreement taken from the managing body ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* A set of rules has been framed and they are working under these rules and one rule definitely states that all the articles belong to Government. If it is found that the Committee is not working properly, the Government will give notice and the articles will be taken over by Government.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is it the position of the Hon'ble Minister that to the extent of this inspection, the Education Department will be under the control of the Minister.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have already explained the position. Regarding these libraries the Director will take orders from the Minister.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there was any special reason for this particular change.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have explained that position clearly before. The term of the Committee expired and I thought that the present arrangement might be tried for one year and if it was not found suitable, it is open for us to have the necessary changes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the Diwan has agreed to this arrangement the Director of Public Instruction taking orders from the Minister.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is no Diwan and there is no Minister in the case of the Governmant. It is the Government who have ordered.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know the period for which the Committee was appointed.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* A term was fixed.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* A term was not fixed. I was a member of the Committee.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It was an omission on the part of the Government and that mistake was rectified.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Is it not a fact that before the present arrangement, the Sanitary Inspectors were asked to go and inspect these libraries.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, it was a fact. I got very many complaints.

"MALABAR MAIL"—SUB-LEADER

53. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have perused the Sub-Leader in column 2 of page 2 of the "Malabar Mail" dated 25th June 1942 under the caption "മലബാറിലോ".

(*b*) whether Government be pleased to inform the action of Government to keep up the good reputation of the State in the affair mentioned in article referred to in (*a*) ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This Government in consultation with the Government of India are taking steps to strengthen the supervising staff, so as to prevent a repetition of such incidents.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know what are the points contained in the article.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It dealt with certain unhappy incidents that occured at Cuttack.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* With regard to what ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* With regard to the labour force.

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